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(54) NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ALLOY FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY AND LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To enhance electromotive force, charging/discharging capacity, energy density, and lengthen charging/discharging cycle life by using a Li-Ag-Te system alloy having a specified composition range in a negative electrode.

CONSTITUTION: The composition of a negative electrode alloy is preferably represented by formulas I, II, and III. By the γ_1 phase of a Li-Ag system alloy, which relates to absorption/desorption of lithium, of a Li-Ag-Te system alloy, discharging capacity is maintained for a long time and charging/discharging cycle life is lengthened. By an intermetallic compound such as Ag_2Te and Li_2Te , crystal grains are made fine, diffusion of lithium and silver is accelerated, absorption/desorption

Li-Ag-Te = 15~130:1~20:0, 50:1~2

I

Li-Ag-Te = 80~150:1~20:0, 90:1~20:9

II

Li-Ag-Te = 10~120:1~20:0, 90:1~9

III

Li-Ag-Te = 10~120:1~20:0, 90:1~20:9
0.35:1~2:1~5.0:1~50

IV

efficiency of lithium is enhanced. By containing M1-M2 system alloy composition represented by formula IV, deterioration of negative electrode attendant on absorption/desorption of lithium is retarded by the binding effect of this intermetallic compound. Alloying is made by conventional melting process or vapor deposition process. (In formula IV, M1 is a 3B-5B group metal, and M2 is a transition metal excluding Ag).

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